

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 5, 14-16, 18-19 and 22 are cancelled. While Applicants disagree with the current rejections, Applicants have amended the claims to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in one or more continuing applications. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER


The Examiner states that Claims 3, 4, 6-13, 17, 20, 21, and 23-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 3, 8, 17, 20 and 25 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 6-7, 9-13, 21, 23-24 and 26-29 ultimately depend from Claims 3, 8, 17, 20 and 25 and are believed to be allowable for at least similar reasons. Therefore, Claims 3, 4, 6-13, 17, 20, 21, and 23-29 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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